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Ministry of External Affairs (Pak-Iraf Division)

Subject: LOK SABHA Unstarred Question No.4120, tabled by Shri Samar Guha, to be answered on 15.12.77, regarding setting up plaque of Netaji at Kabul.

J.S. (Pak-Iraf) may kindly see the draft reply which was discussed with him.

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(Indrajit Singh) Deputy Secretary (Pak-Iraf) 12.12.77

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S.K. Singh Ambassador Embassy of India
_Kabul

No. KAB/POL/326/1/69

August 3, 1977.

Dear Kallukaran,

Please refer to your circular Note No. AA/125/40/77 dated 23 July, 1977 regarding Shri Samar Guha's suggestion on commemoration of the memory of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

- This Mission finds items vii and xi of special relevance, in this station. While we are still trying to trace whether there are any papers relating to item xi, the position in regard to item vii i.e. placing of plaques at places in Kabul where Netaji stayed in the course of his RECEPTE ESCRIPTE escape from India to Europe, is that precise details about all the places in Kabul where Netaji actually stayed do not appear to be available. Of course, there are a number of rumours and a number of claims and counter-claims. It would be appreciated that according to many people here, he appears to have stayed at more than one place during his sojourn in Kabul. I understand that he spent a couple of days in a house located in a locality which is extremely poor, unhygienic and indeed quite filthy. He is also believed to have stayed for a couple of days in the then Italian Embassy building (this has since been demolished) and possibly one or xw two other Missions before actually proceeding to Europe.
- 3. The house where Netaji is initially believed to have stayed for a couple of days is not unnaturally located in a very obscure and dirty locality. If we try to place plaques or put up any kind of memorial of Netaji there, we must ensure that not only the building but also the surroundings should be cleaned up and made respectable so that Indians and others who may wish to pay their homage should not feel embarrassed.
- As far as I can see, we should not expect any kind of assistance in this matter from the Afghan authorities. We shall ourselves have to maintain the house in proper shape improve the surroundings and build a proper approach road subject to the Afghan Government's approval. Perhaps some token help might be forthcoming from the local Hindu and Sikh community. But the major portion of the expenditure will have to be borne by us. Even that would be totally out of proportion to the significance of the place.
- In this connection, I would like to invite your attention to the correspondence exchanged between one of my predecessors and the then Deputy Secretary (WANA) in April-May 1969. This concerns a suggestion by Shri Ved Pratap Vaidic, a Research Scholar who visited Afghanistan in 1969, that a small maxa memorial should be erected in the room where Netaji had stayed. Shri Vedic had also suggested the installation of a photograph of Netaji in this house at a simple ceremony at which the then Prime Minister was to be invited. The then

The then Ambassador, Shri A.N. Mehta, had in his reply stated "that the whole idea is stupid and not worth any comments. There must be a sense of proportion about these matters." The Ministry had then agreed with Ambassador A.N. Mehta. (Ministry's file No. M-II/407/13/68 refers).

6. A further communication will follow regarding item xi.
All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(S.K. Singh)

Shri J.T. Kallukaran, Director(Coordination), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Coordination Division)

No.AA/125/40/77

July 23,1977

Shri Samar Guha, M.P., during the Debate on Demands for Grants of the External Affairs Ministry in Lok Sabha on June 29,1977, raised several points regarding the perpetuation of the Memory of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and had made a number of suggestions with financial and other implications. However, the first task is to collect information, documents and other material, wherever freely available, from different countries in the world.

- 2. After collection of accurate information on the various points raised by Shri Guha and the location of documents, material, etc. which will have to be acquired, wherever possible, the financial implications of the project will have to be considered by the Ministry in consultation with the Ministries concerned, especially with the Ministry of Finance for release of funds.
- 3. The Mission concerned is requested to take follow-up action, without financial implications, and send their replies to the Co-ordination Division, with coly endorsed to the Territorial Division concerned

(J.T.KALLUKAREN) Director (Coord)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Coordination Division)

SUGGESTIONS MADE REGARDING NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

The following points were made during the course of the Debate on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of External Affairs in Lok Sabha on June 29,1977.

Shri Samar Guha blamed the previous Governments for not honouring the "greatest revolutionary of India" Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and neglecting either to collect his revolutionary relics or preserve them for posterity. He therefore urged FM to do the following things:

- (i) Collect from the archives of Japan, East and West Germany, U.K. USA, Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma, Thailand, Italy and some other countries where, according to him, "there are still many documents and much material connected with other revolutions that were brought about, inspired by the leadership of Netaji". (Lok Sabha Debates, Part II, June 29, 1977, Uncorrected).
- inorga investant Rebuild the damaged INA Martyrs Memorial in Singapore built by Netaji in July 1945 and demolished by Mountbatten. According to Shri Guha, the Foreign Minister of Singapore was a man who was a member of the INA and fought with Netaji and, therefore, he suggested that an appeal be made to the Government of Singapore to be allowed to rebuild that monument.

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He said that Shri Shah Nawaz Khan had admitted that he had brought part of the demolished monument and left it in his Rawalpindi house. Shri Guha requested the Government to send Shri Shah Nawaz Khan to his home so that those parts of the demolished martyrs memorial that he brought from Singapore can be brought to India and reconstructed in a martyrs' memorial in honour of the INA, somewhere in the heart of Delhi. onthrops word Mounthatter's diery seconding to the Alexand Contractors of the Alexand Contractors on the Alexandra Services on the Services of the

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- (iii) The headquarter building of the Azad Hind Government and the residential quarters of Netaji, according to Shri Guha, are still there in the sea beach of Singapore and, therefore, he urged FM to persuade the Government of Singapore to sell it to us so that we could set up there the headquarters of an Indian Cultural Mission for the whole of South-East Asia.
 - (iv) Shri Guha said that there were many places connected with the history of Netaji and INA activities in Malaysia and small plates can be put up to that effect in these places as well as in such other places in Thailand, Indonesia, etc.
 - (v) The advance headquarters of the Azad Hind Fauj were, according to Shri Guha, set up at Jarawardi Sugar Estate near Rangoon. That building should be purchased by the Government of India. He added that Gen. Ne Win was an admirer of Netaji and therefore, he thought that there would be no difficulty to find those buildings and buy them.
- (vi) Shri Guha said that Netaji had taken a pledge before the tomb of Bahadur Shah Zafar that after India's liberation the Emperor's remains will be taken back to India and re-buried with national honour. Netaji had also pledged that a mausoleum would be built at Red Fort. Shri Guha wanted FM to fulfil that pledge.
- (vii) Place plaques at places in Peshawar and Kabul where Netaji stayed in the course of his escape from India to Germany.
- (viii) Shri Guha said that Gen. Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten's HQs. had made vital enquiries into Netaji's death in an air crash. These reports should be obtained from UK and USA.
 - (ix) Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, after occupying Taiwan, had also undertaken an enquiry about a reported air crash at Taihako. This report should also be obtained from the Government of Taiwan.
 - (x) Only 3 pages of Lord Mountbatten's diary, according to Shri Guha, were supplied to the Khosla Commission. Even those three pages revealed startling facts that

Lord Mountbatten received a report from the British mission in China that Netaji Subhas Bose did not die in the plane crash. Then the British intelligence sent a report to Mountbatten that he escaped. If the full diary of Lord Mountbatten could be obtained many more startling things would have come to light (Ibid).

(xi) Shri Guha said that another ticklish thing came before the Khosla and Shah Nawaz Commissions and added: "It was an intelligence report to the Government of India that the Russian Ambassador in Kabul and a Russian Vice-Consul in Tehran, both of them publicly admitted in 1946 that Netaji Subhas Bose reached Moscow. This was a report of our Intelligence Wing to the Government of India that was sent from Kabul and Tehran. That is on record and it is with the Khosla Commission as well as the Shah Nawaz Commission. I would request that Hon Minister to find out whether it can be had from the Government of USSR as to what actually happened because it has been admitted both by Shah Nawaz Commission as well as Khosla Commission that the destination of Netaji was Russia.

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